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T. E. CLOUGH,

Treasurer, in account with the town of Belmont. Dr.

To cash on hand, as reported March 1, 1877.	\$1,651 75
Less J. Y. Weymouth's note, charged as cash, 108 69	
Lyman B. Fellows, ditto,	21 58
Overcharged B. S. Russell,	31 47
" J. Pulsifer,	56 35
" L. Sanborn,	29 54
" L. A. Sanborn,	21 30
" Wm. A. Bucklin,	25 48
" S. W. Knowles,	60 00
" Sally and Peggy Page,	32 70
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	387 11
Actual balance in hands of Treasurer, Mar. 1, 1877.	1,264 64
Cash hired of Thomas Clark,	184 33
" Louisa Kimball,	79 24
" Chas. H. Rowe,	500 06
" Stephen H. Sargent,	530 52
" James C. Cilley,	400 00
" James C. Cilley,	135 53
" Tresa L. Gross,	115 00
" Nettie J. Sanborn,	40 00
" Laura A. Sanborn,	76 88
" Ella F. Judkins,	226 81
" Lydia A. Lamprey,	138 67
" May J. Garmon,	45 00
" Feb. 22. Anna A. Sargent,	458 44
" Feb. 26. Arthur W. Brown,	1,785 00
Cash received of County for support of Walter Tatro,	90 00
" " " Sarah Edwards,	4 00
Received savings bank tax,	1,354 23
" literary tax,	79 98
" railroad tax,	77 51
Received from town of Northfield,	4 00
" Manus S. Weeks. for damage to sheep by dog,	15 00
" for license for show,	2 00
" of Chas. B. Gile, collector for 1873,	42 71
" of James S. Weymouth, collector for 1875,	373 91
" of Chas. E. Clough, collector for 1876,	911 00
" " " " " " " "	773 09
" " " " " " " '77, in part,	5,652 25
" " " " " " " for 1877,	1,271 50
" of Chas. H. Rowe. " " 1872,	6 84
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	\$16,638 08

Paid Notes and Outstanding Bills.

John F. Lamprey,	138 67	Thomas Clarke,	184 33
Laura A. Sanborn,	116 88	Augustus P. B. Currier,	61 58
Stephen H. Sargent,	141 82	Ella F. Judkins,	48 44
.. ..	140 84	Flora E. Judkins,	42 17
.. ..	124 97	Ella F. Judkins,	36 20
.. ..	122 89	Louisa Sanborn,	79 24
Otis S. Sanborn,	223 70	James C. Cilley,	270 25
James C. Cilley,	265 28	*Benj. Fifield,	1,000 00
*Josiah F. Heath,	50 00	*Morrill Yorke,	15 00
*Laura A. Sanborn,	45 00	*Sarah E. Bryant,	75 00
Mary A. Lakeman,	75 00	B. B. Philbrick, note,	211 00
Benj. Fifield, note,	52 48	*Wm. A. Bucklin,	75 00
*Lowell Sanborn,	15 00	Thos. Clark, on note,	35 00
Sarah B. Whicher, note,	89 19	Arthur W. Brown	691 00
Anna A. Sargent,	458 44	1,040 35
Benj. B. Philbrook,	15 00		
Frederica H. Evans,	50 00		
.. ..	75 00		
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			\$6,064 72

Those marked with a * were endorsed on notes.

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

Breaking roads in Winter of 1876-77,	\$693 53
Lumber and labor furnished for brigdes,	154 57
Breaking roads in Winter of 1877-78,	27 45
Labor on highway and lumber for sidewalk,	1,555 21
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	\$2,430 76

Paid Current Expenses, as follows :

N. D. Garmon, for sawing lumber,	\$3 54
Chas. H. Rowe, services as selectman and cash paid out,	20 20
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for stationery,	13 35
N. D. Garmon, services as selectman and cash paid out,	32 60
Moses K. Smith, constable,	3 00
Wm. A. Bucklin, for certificates of births and deaths,	2 50
Isaac Bennett, as auditor,	6 00
J. Y. Weymouth, insurance on school house, Dis. No. 4,	10 00
N. D. Garmon, recording invoice,	5 00
T. L. Fuller, insurance on school house, Dis. No. 5,	12 00
N. D. Garmon, services as selectman,	35 00
E. A. Hibbard, counsel for town from March 1876, to Sept. 15, 1877,	40 00
J. C. Pearsons, for services as moderator for 1877,	3 00
N. D. Garmon, postage and expenses out of town,	8 79

George W. Riley, stone for abutments,	5 50
Jewett E. Maxfield, services and expenses as selectman, to May 7, 1877,	36 50
Samuel Bickford, water tub,	3 00
N. D. Garmon, " to March 1, 1877,	3 00
" " " " 1878,	3 00
John O. Stevens, " " 1877,	3 00
Ebenezer Tuttle, " " 1877,	3 00
Moses K. Smith, " " 1876,	3 00
Frank A. Rundlett, " " 1876,	3 00
1877,	
March 10. Jewett E. Maxfield, for services as selectman and money paid out, to date,	60 20
April 3. Jewett E. Maxfield for service and expenses as selectman,	10 00
May 19. Jewett E. Maxfield, for repairs on school house, District No. 4,	40 00
Aug. 20. Jewett E. Maxfield, for services and expenses as selectman,	9 50
Solon F. Hill, services as superintending school committee for the year 1876,	50 00
Solon F. Hill, services as superintending school committee for the year 1877,	40 00
L. J. Truland, printing town reports for 1876,	25 00
" " " town orders,	2 00
Ira Mooney, for board of selectmen to March 1, 1877,	97 41
Eric Cook, damage to horse,	25 00
Green Chase, bounty on foxes,	8 20
Several religious societies,	20 46
E. G. Ladd, for use of watering tub,	3 00
Joseph Plummer, " "	3 00
R. G. Hoyt, paints and oils,	9 20
G. W. Riley, hall rent,	25 00
J. T. Dudley, damage to carriage,	.80
State tax,	1,356 00
County tax,	1,700 92
Several school districts,	1,271 70
N. D. Garmon, services as selectman,	50 45
C. H. Rowe, " " and cash paid out,	78 40
Ira Mooney, office rent, lights, &c.,	15 00
" " for board of selectmen,	57 25
" " watering tub,	3 00
E. A. Willard, bounty on hawk,	.20
Robert M. Smith, watering tub,	1 75
Cyrus B. Norris, bounty on fox,	.50
Dexter P. Webster, bounty on hawk,	.20

Thomas L. Fuller, bounty on six foxes,	3 00
Chas. E. Clough, services as town clerk,	45 00
James S. Weymouth, collecting fees,	15 00
Samuel Bickford, watering tub,	3 00
C. D. Bryant, for use of watering tub from March 1, 1873 to March 1, 1878.	15 00
Chas. D. Bryant, land damages in 1875,	10 00
T. E. Clough, services as treasurer, to March 1, 1878.	45 00
C. E. Clough, stationery,	10 50
Joseph P. Currier, damage to sleigh,	10 00
C. E. Clough, collecting, in part,	102 31
A. D. Leighton, watering tub,	3 00
N. D. Garmon, use of watering tub in 1876,	3 00
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	\$5.489 93

Paid Damages done to Sheep by Dogs.

J. F. Heath,	\$3 50	Samuel Dicy,	\$1 00
George W. Plummer,	3 50	Richard Sanborn,	5 00
John Pulsifer,	40 00	Daniel S. Robinson,	2 50
David Durrell,	28 00	Israel Bartlett,	3 50
David Sawyer,	25 50		
George P. Folsom,	10 35		
J. H. Price,	1 75		
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			\$124 60

Paid for Paupers in and out of Town.

Reform school for the support of Walter Tatro,	\$90 00
John C. Wiggin, for support of Sarah Edwards,	4 00
Jesse S. Towle, aid furnished Mrs. C. Rundlett,	20 00
W. H. Pattee, medical aid to John Pope,	1 00
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	\$115 00

Paid Abatements, as follows:

William M. Clark,	.41
Richard Plummer,	2 00
John Blaisdell,	8 00
Ezra Chandler,	.93
Gilmanton Mills,	122 00
Arthur Lamprey,	.47
Joseph O. Cotton,	1 00
Israel Bartlett,	1 00
Thomas Brittain,	6 32
Jeremiah B. Dearborn,	3 16
John H. Swain,	1 58
Matthias Kimball,	.59

Charles Huntoon, estate.	2 00
John C. Rundlett,	2 53
Simon B. Cotton,	1 10
Fred. A. Stevens,	1 33
James S. Weymouth, collector for 1875.	49 66
Chas. B. Gile, collector for 1873,	32 71
John A. Ladd,	.50
John W. Piper,	4 60
Charles E. Clough, collector for 1876.	32 28
Charles E. Clough, collector for 1877,	26 80
A. D. Leighton,	.48
Charles H. Rowe,	.48
John O. Stevens,	3 00
Charles O. Bean, 1876,	1 58
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	\$306 51

Recapitulation.

Paid notes and outstanding bills,	6,064 72
for highways and bridges,	2,430 76
current expenses,	5,489 93
damage to sheep by dogs,	124 60
for paupers,	115 00
by abatement of taxes,	396 51
Cash on hand March 1, 1878,	2,106 56

T. E. CLOUGH, Treasurer.

NICHOLAS D. GARMON, } Selectmen
JEWETT E. MAXFIELD, } of
CHARLES H. ROWE, } Belmont.

March 1, 1878. The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of twenty-one hundred and six dollars and fifty-six cents.

JAMES CILLEY, }
JOHN L. KEASOR, } Auditors.
JAMES S. WEYMOUTH. }

Indebtedness of the Town.

We find the town indebted for outstanding orders, as follows,
including principal and interest.

Georgie F. Cate.	\$185 32	E. E. Evans,	\$261 74
C. J. Gross,	91 61	Thomas Clark,	50 49
E. O. Bean,	202 15	F. H. Evans,	132 07

D. H. Maxfield,	457	02	B. Fifield,	681	34
Sophia C. Hill,	504	90	Sarah Piper,	158	07
C. J. Gross,	158	65	M. Sanborn,	345	08
John Cate,	75	77	School District No. 11,	16	87
M. J. Fifield,	128	28	Parsonage fund,	236	22
C. J. Gross,	149	61	M. J. Pierce,	345	27
E. E. Evans,	148	20	J. Pierce,	173	28
A. M. Fifield,	36	79	W. C. Wells,	92	73
C. J. Gross,	147	49	Eliza Dow,	90	38
F. H. Evans,	694	95	L. A. Willard,	365	69
L. M. Sweatt,	139	43	J. F. Heath,	261	96
F. H. Evans,	606	45	E. G. Heath,	13	60
M. H. Sweatt,	316	74	John Matthews,	261	12
M. S. Dudley,	27	63	S. S. Fifield,	369	87
V. J. Fifield,	137	74	T. E. Clough,	461	86
L. M. Sweatt,	131	93	John Kimball,	116	45
D. H. Maxfield,	670	38	" "	122	26
Sarah Maxfield,	294	02	G. D. Chamberlain,	328	50
Thomas Clark,	193	54	H. A. Clough,	80	24
Louisa Kimball,	83	20	J. S. Towle,	212	95
F. H. Evans,	121	23	John Pulsifer,	441	00
D. H. Maxfield,	99	16	H. Wadleigh,	195	77
N. Ellsworth,	100	13	D. H. Maxfield,	80	06
Anna Dicy,	226	11	L. A. Folsom,	210	18
W. A. Bucklin,	525	00	Thomas Clark,	293	74
" "	525	00	Calvin Shepard,	1,003	16
" "	525	00	N. D. Garmon,	105	21
E. G. Folsom,	1,922	14	F. S. Fifield,	203	93
M. A. Lakeman,	139	91	Lowell Sanborn,	315	79
Joseph Plummer,	616	75	L. J. Dearborn,	397	92
N. S. Plummer,	51	16	Sarah E. Bryant,	32	78
L. Plummer,	274	11	Caroline Mooney,	773	71
S. Clark,	574	69	Morrill S. York,	50	85
G. C. Durrell,	185	58	David Durrell,	542	73
N. F. Foster,	385	91	C. H. Rowe,	525	00
" "	551	55	C. H. Sargent,	557	04
John Tucker,	244	96	J. C. Cilley,	420	00
H. F. Tucker,	609	94	" "	142	30
L. A. Folsom,	852	55	Nettie J. Sanborn,	40	82
B. S. Russell,	330	75	Tresa L. Gross,	117	40
Thomas Clark,	27	00	L. A. Sanborn,	78	45
Sally Page,	259	99	Ella F. Judkins,	230	60
P. Page,	38	58	Lydia A. Lamprey,	140	98
Joshua Lane,	633	06	M. J. Garmon,	45	53
L. J. Dearborn,	52	35	A. A. Sargent,	458	83
B. B. Philbrook,	146	59	A. W. Brown,	1,785	48

H. B. Heath,	199 91	F. M. Heath,	340 39
Matthias Kimball,	27 72		
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			\$30,536 32

Claims Due the Town.

Cash in the hands of Treasurər,	\$2,106 56
Due on J. Y. Weymouth's note,	112 36
Due on L. B. Fellows' note,	25 69
Charles H. Rowe, collector for 1872,	1 80
Charles B. Gile, " 1871-3,	112 23
James S. Weymouth, " 1874-5,	231 11
Charles E. Clough, " 1876-7,	4,559 70
John M. Bean, old plank,	7 50
United States bounties,	2,295 00
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	\$9,451 95
Indebtedness of the town over means,	\$21,084 37

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In compliance with the requirements of law, I beg leave to again present for your consideration the following report of your schools for the past year, together with some thoughts and suggestions, which have occurred to me while in the discharge of my official duties. In the selection of teachers the Prudential Committees have with but few exceptions, exercised very commendable discretion, thereby securing a class of teachers who have performed their duty to the acceptance of your committee, and to the profit of your children. The position of Prudential Committee is one of the greatest responsibility, and its duties if properly performed have the greatest influence in determining the character of your schools. It is not the duty of the Superintending Committee altogether to protect you from the imposition of incompetent teachers or mere pretenders. You should send none to him for his approval, with whose reputation and ability, you have not made yourselves fully acquainted. For illustration : Suppose that a teacher is engaged, and on the morning of commencement, presents himself or herself to the Committee, for his approval. If after due examination he is satisfied that the candidate is unsuitable for the position ; what then is to be done ? The path of duty is plain ; but on the other hand, arises the question of expediency. The school is ready to commence the scholars are at the school house and the district is in expectation. Shall the district be disappointed the school delayed and the teacher subjected to exposure and consequent ridicule. This is one of the most difficult questions I have been called upon to solve and is confirmed by the testimony of committees in general. In several instances during the year teachers have commenced school without my permission or knowledge, and the first intimation which I have received, has been a notice to visit the school. For the benefit of such,

allow me to quote from the Report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the year 1876: "There is a growing tendency manifested on the part of some candidates for teaching our schools, to avoid entirely if possible anything like a rigid or critical examination. They often come, if at all, when his engagements may be such as to render it impossible for him to attend to it, or at least to preclude all possibility of a careful examination. In this event the committee must either attempt a hasty examination, without the possibility of being able to ascertain the real qualifications of the candidate or suffer the school to commence without the examination. In either case; it will be very difficult to withhold a certificate though he should be fully convinced of the incompetency of the teacher. It is calculated to give great offence and create division in the district. "To the teachers we say go to the committee and get a certificate. No matter if in your own opinion you are as 'wise as Solomon' don't commence school until you have shown respect enough to those you are to look to for assistance to even present yourselves for examination."

Look well then to the selection of your teachers in the beginning. Having secured a good teacher your responsibility is by no means ended. You should visit your schools often, making yourselves thoroughly acquainted with everything pertaining to their management. This is not only a high privilege, a source of profit and interest to the school, but is it your most imperative duty. You should also give to your teacher, your cordial co-operation. Their task is too often rendered most difficult and unpleasant by a want of sympathy and encouragement on your part. Frequent visits to the school room, and occasional words of advice and good cheer, are the "green spots" in the experience of every teacher. See to it, that your children are not absent, only when it cannot possibly be avoided. Absences by the day, and half day, are broken links in the chain, and will paralyze the efforts of the best teachers. This is a serious evil, and although we cannot compel parents to keep their children constantly at school, yet they who permit or uphold truancy are worthy of public censure. Teachers, allow me thus publicly to

thank you for your efforts in cultivating the moral and intellectual faculties of those committed to your charge. The occupation you have chosen, is one of no common merit or responsibility. It is in the language of another, "to train the youth of to-day for the men of to-morrow," to cultivate the minds and develop the faculties, that are to rule the nation in the future. Scholars ; I have been highly gratified while visiting your schools from time to time to witness the efforts you have been putting forth to fit you for the responsible duties of after life. Many of you have plainly shown that you fully appreciate the high privileges which are bestowed upon you. It is one of the beautiful features of our political system that all can be educated alike, that here are no class distinctions ; and that the rich and the poor meet on a common level, and start on the journey of life with equal prospects and equal advantages. But the fact of schools and teachers can never make you wise. This can only be acquired by patient and persevering effort on your own part. He wins who will. There is no "royal road" to learning in these days of lightning and steam more than in the days of old.

Parents, teachers and scholars let me appeal to you all, to labor unitedly and earnestly that the youth of our country may be properly educated ; that they may become ornaments to society, that they may be established in virtue, morality and all things else which will perpetuate the blessings of Republican liberty. In conclusion allow me to call your attention to the imperative need of a change in the multitude of text books, which now afflict our schools. A single illustration will suffice. For Arithmetics we have in the different schools Greenleaf's National, Common School, Practical, and a large and growing family of Mentals and Intellectuals ; Robinson's, Adams', White's, Wentworth's and Colburn's. Grammar are in nearly the same condition ; and Geographies much worse. Text books need to be "weeded out" with merciless hands retaining only the best, and preparing the way for a definite system of classification. I desired to make changes during the past year, but refrained from doing so, until your attention could be called to its absolute necessity.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Arthur S. Ladd Prudential Committee. Summer term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Gertie E. Swain. This was her first school, and at the commencement manifested very commendable deportment on the part of the scholars, and thorough earnest work by the teacher, but having no notice of its close, I can report nothing further. During the fall I was notified that the school had been in session three weeks and on visiting it, found one Miss Marcia Tucker teaching without examination certificate, or other authority. Granted her permission to continue but did not receive notice of its closing until the afternoon of the last day, consequently could not visit or report anything in regard to the progress of the school.

DISTRICT No 2.—Frank A. Randlett, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Mattie A. Brawn. The summer term was a small school of small scholars, and consequently did not stand the test of an examination with so much credit to themselves as is the case with larger and more advanced scholars. The deportment of the scholars was very commendable at both examinations.

Fall term taught by Miss Susie E. Farrar. She manifested the same thoroughness and diligence as teacher which I had formerly observed in her as a scholar. Found in this school some of the best Reading which I have heard during the year. Clear and concise in all Arithmetical demonstrations.

DISTRICT No 3.—A. P. B. Currier, Prudential, Committee. Summer term of eight weeks taught by Miss Alice Estelle Freese with the best of success. Miss Freese has the best of literary qualifications for her work, is energetic and self-reliant and carried thoroughness into the minutest details.

Fall and winter term of eighteen weeks taught by Miss L. Jennie Currier who has had an extended experience in this district and has the qualifications necessary for a good teacher. She has the faculty of imparting her instruction in a manner easy to be understood and the general apparence of the school was highly commendable.

DISTRICT No 4.—Hubbard Fifield, Prudential Committee. Summer term of six weeks taught by Miss Marion E. Lyford, who has taught nine months before in this district with good

success. However good the teacher might have been six weeks is altogether too short a time for a school of eight small scholars to show any great improvement.

Fall term of six weeks taught by Miss M. Ella Berry. Had she possessed better literary qualifications it would have added much to the effectiveness of her instruction. Thorough logical analysis of elementary principles is inseparably connected with successful teaching.

Winter term commenced by Walter S. Peaslee, who after a short time resigned and the remainder of the term taught by Clarence H. Pearson, who labored under some disadvantage from finishing the work begun by another. He has superior literary qualifications and much energy and with experience I doubt not would rank high as a teacher.

DISTRICT No 5.—Thomas L. Fuller, Prudential Committee, Summer and fall terms eight weeks each, Miss Louise A. Eaton, teacher. This the largest and most difficult school in the town. Miss Eaton has had an extended experience in teaching, having taught eighty-four months previous to these terms, ten terms of which have been in this district; from which it would seem that further comment is unnecessary.

Winter term sixteen weeks, Walter S. Peaslee, teacher. This school has not been so productive of good results as is desirable; owing to a want of co-operation between the teacher, scholars, and the parents. I find no remissness on the part of the teacher except such as would inevitably ensue from the discouraging influences under which he has labored.

DISTRICT No 6.—Oliver L. Sanborn, Prudential Committee. Summer term of six weeks, Miss Frances M. Heath, teacher, who fully maintained her former reputation as a faithful and beloved teacher. Fall term of ten weeks, Miss Alida Quimby, teacher. At my first visit to this school, there were manifested unmistakable indications of coming storms, which culminated in open rebellion. The most distinguishing characteristics of some of these scholars are a total lack of interest in school duties; and the tendency to insubordination which inevitably accompanies the former. Miss Quimby desired to succeed but lacked somewhat in energy to deal with scholars of this kind.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Lowell Sanborn, Prudential Committee. Summer term of eight, and fall term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Flora O. Bean. This was her first attempt at teaching and she met with the good success which comes only from thorough and persistent application. I notice a marked improvement in order and the general appearance of the school since last year.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Monroe H. Philbrick, Prudential Committee. Summer term of seven weeks and fall term of — weeks taught by Walter S. Peaslee. These were model schools and well worthy of the teacher and scholars who made them such. No school in the town has made so much improvement in order or so much progress in study during the last year and a half as No. 8.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Edwin Randlett, Prudential Committee. Summer term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Dora E. Lee. Fall term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Emma J. Lane. Both these teachers met with good success, and the closing examinations of both terms showed good progress in study and the best of order. At the closing examination of the fall term I found one of the best classes in primary grammar in the town.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Chas. W. Farrar, Prudential Committee. Summer term of six weeks, Miss Lizzie A. Britton, teacher. Miss Britton performed her duty well and endeavored to impress upon her scholars the imperative necessity of a thorough understanding of elementary principles. I have always found in this school the best of order.

Fall term of nine and one-half weeks, taught by Benson A. Leavitt. Mr. Leavitt had no previous experience in teaching, but seemed to have very correct ideas of his duty, and at the opening examination all things seemed to indicate a prosperous school. I was unable to visit at the close, consequently cannot report the amount of progress made.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Nicholas D. Garmon, Prudential Committee. Summer term of six weeks, and fall term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Frances M. Heath. Having taught her eighteenth term in this district to the acceptance of your Committee I hope that she may long continue to "go and do likewise."

DISTRICT No. 12.—Mrs. Hannah E. Badger, Prudential Committee. Winter term of ten weeks taught by Mrs. Badger. This is the smallest school in town numbering only four scholars yet nevertheless they are making very good progress.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLON F. HILL,

Superintending School Committee.

Belmont, March 2, 1878.

Citizens of Belmont.

O'SHEA BROS

LACONIA,

Have just received (this Monday morning, March, 11th)
large invoice of

NEW SPRING GOODS

INCLUDING

Dry Goods, Shawls, Cloaks,

CARPETINGS,

MEN AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

WOOLENS,

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, &c.,

Which they will offer at the **LOWEST** prices possible. Many
Genuine Bargains will be offered this month.

O'SHEA BROS.,

130 & 132 MAIN STREET,

LACONIA.



